

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER, 1999

Thursday, September 16th

Holiday Inn, Grand Forks

The Education Standard and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order by chair, Doug Johnson. Board members present were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. ESPB staff members present were Deb Jensen, Janet Placek and Diane Weber. Visitors present were Stu Loken from NDEA, Jon Kringen and Deb and Leon Thielges from Enderlin. Bill Peterson from the Attorney General's office was available for the board cases via telephone call.

Board member absent was Randy Gordon.

Before the meeting, Doug asked the board members to indicate any job assignment /school assignment changes. Maryjane has changed schools within the Fargo district. She is now teaching at the Agassiz Middle School. Bev Sandness is now the elementary principal at Perkett Elementary School in Minot. Linda Davis teaches part-time at Simle in the mornings and has taken on a newly created position with the Bismarck Public Schools as the fine arts director. Mary Harris announced her resignation to the board as the dean representative. She has been offered a job at North Texas State in Denton, Texas. On behalf of the board, Doug presented a service award plaque to Mary Harris.

A motion was made by Don to approve the August board minutes as written. Seconded by Linda. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

Doug informed the board of the agenda formats change. The board packets will contain more written reports, such as financial reports, fingerprinting, etc. to allow committees time to work at the end of each meeting. Copies of the committees and individuals serving on the committees were reviewed at the board meeting.

Janet reviewed the financial report. A goal is to have 20% of budget placed into a savings account. Janet also informed the board that the current figures on the programming changes are \$37,169.00. ESPB has paid \$4,000 of that amount. Janet will meet with Dan Sipes of ISD to once again discuss the programming costs. ISD had planned to notify ESPB if the costs would be higher than \$35,000.00. This type of monitoring did not happen.

Janet told the board the 40-day provisional license and the minor equivalencies have been well received and have been good PR for ESPB. Discussion was lead by Janet regarding the fines and provisional licenses that have been received and issued. The board would like to have the code of ethics in its final format by October 2000. To date, the office has issued two emergency

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licenses. The office will do license reviews in special education: hearing impaired, mental retardation and visually impaired. ESPB will also be doing speech pathology and school psychology reviews. These reviews will no longer be done in the special education unit in DPI.

Mary asked to board to consider being the fiscal agent for professional development monies for the TLC. Due to Mary's resignation from the board and Deb's TLC background/experience, Mary felt that ESPB would be a good placement for the monies.

Deb shared the agenda for the October 11 & 12 program approval training and asked for volunteers within ESPB to assist with the interview and panel discussion segments. ESPB volunteers are Linda, Maryjane and Doug. Deb reported that the partnership renewal is due at NCATE January 1, 2000. She provided information on new standards teams' work. A motion was made by Linda to adopt the recommended language changes for the program area standards. Seconded by Don. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Mary Harris, Don Haugen, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

Deb also shared the agenda for the October 7 & 28 professional development grant workshop in Valley City.

CASES (Mary Harris did not vote on the board cases)

Bobbi Ferguson

Ms. Ferguson's case was before the board due to her background check. A motion was made by Laura to issue an initial license. Seconded by Don. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Doug Johnson, Don Haugen, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

Wayne Fox

Due to Mr. Fox's background check, Janet did not feel comfortable to issue a 40-day provisional license and wanted board input. A motion was made by Laura to issue a license. Seconded by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Doug Johnson, Don Haugen, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. A two-year initial license was issued to Mr. Fox since both the BCI/FBI background checks had been received in office. Mr. Fox will be employed by Standing Rock Community School.

Alexander Gwin

Due to Mr. Gwin's background check, the case was brought before the board. A motion was made by Maryjane to issue an initial, restricted license in the ND Native American language. Seconded by Mike. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Doug Johnson, Don Haugen, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Mr. Gwin will be employed with the Mandaree Public School.

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David Jongetjes

Mr. Jongetjes' license request was brought before the board because of his background check. After receiving clear records on the BCI/FBI background checks, issue an initial license. Mike made the motion. Second was made by Don. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Doug Johnson, Don Haugen, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Mr. Jongetjes will be employed at the Drayton Public School.

Todd Lambrecht

Mr. Lambrecht was working on removing his record with BCI/FBI; a motion was made by Linda to issue an initial license. Seconded by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Doug Johnson, Don Haugen, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

William LaPorte-Lewis

Mr. LaPorte-Lewis' license request was brought before the board due to the background check. A motion was made by Don to issue an initial license. Seconded by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Doug Johnson, Don Haugen, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. The Minot School District had planned on employing Mr. Laporte-Lewis.

Bruce Lundsten

ESPB initiated a request for inquiry due to a code of ethics issue. A motion was made by Don to dismiss the case. Second by Mike. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Doug Johnson, Don Haugen, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. The board is pleased to see a school taking local control and following thru with an individual improvement plan. The board would like the office to contact the Petersburg school and commend them for this action. Also at that time, the office will request the school inform the board of the six-month review findings.

Thomas McCarthy (FYI)

Charlotte Raguse

Bill Peterson reported that he has not yet received a reply from Ms. Raguse regarding the hearing.

Thomas Scheeler

Mr. Scheeler was teaching without a license and has paid a fine. He has requested the board to refund his fine money. After much board discussion, a motion was made by Don to give Mr. Scheeler the option to either pay the fine or remove Mr. Scheeler from the classroom the number

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of days that he taught without a license. Seconded by Laura. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Doug Johnson, Don Haugen, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz. Mr. Scheeler is teaching at Max Public School.

Ray Smykowski

Bill Peterson reported that Mr. Smykowski has signed the settlement agreement. Mr. Smykowski's name will be placed on the national clearinghouse and his teaching license will be suspended for one year.

Allan Worrel

Bill Peterson reported that Mr. Worrel has signed the settlement agreement. Mr. Worrel's name will be placed on the national clearinghouse and his teaching license will be revoked.

Travis Frank

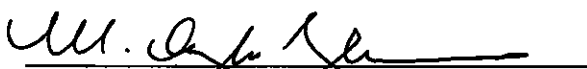
Bill Peterson reported that Mr. Frank has signed the settlement agreement. Mr. Frank's license will be suspended for a period of time upon proof of the completion of the criminal judgement and commitment is satisfied.

Leon Thielges

ESPB initiated the request for inquiry due to a criminal conviction. After much discussion, a motion was made by Mike to dismiss the case. A letter will be sent to the Mr. Thielges, Enderlin School and the Drake & Bureau, Inc. for a follow-up letter to be mailed to the ESPB office regarding the success of his rehabilitation program. Seconded by Bev. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Doug Johnson, Don Haugen, Maryjane Martens, Bev Sandness and Mike Schatz.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm. On Friday, the board and staff members participated in a joint meeting with State Board of Higher Education and State Board of Public School Education and Vocational Education. ESPB will be in charge of the next joint meeting, which has been scheduled in Fargo on June 16, 2000.

The next board meeting is scheduled in Bismarck on October 14th.


Board Chair
Attachments
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Secretary/Executive Director

Fingerprinting Changes

Beginning September 13, 1999 all fingerprint cards will be scanned in electronically. Those in process will continue on the old system. We may actually get results back from new applicants prior to results from applicants completing the old system.

Responses of results will not longer be received from the FBI. They will be sent electronically to the BCI who will forward them via paper to our office. Reject notices will be handled the same way.

New training material has been received by BCI and will be forwarded to our office.

Live Scan is now up and running in six agencies for criminal checks not applicant checks.

A new Private Security Board will also be using fingerprint background checks for anyone that wants to become a private investigator.